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Case IDN/TMP 030596

The International Secretariat of OMCT/SOS Torture requests your **urgent** intervention in the following situation in **EAST TIMOR.**

Brief description of the situation:
The International Secretariat has received information from different reliable sources in East Timor on the folowing events.

On 30 December 1995, **Afonso Gonçalves** was arrested at Bairo Pite, Dili, accused of involvement in the manufacture of "Molotov Cocktails". In the police headquarters at Comoro, Dili, it is alleged that he was tortured during an interrogation to reveal the names of others involved. The information suggests, because of the torture, he implicated, falsely, the involvement of a friend, **Antonio Luis Soares.**

At 2.00 am the next morning, **Mr Soares** was arrested by Security Police in Manatuto together with five boys (ages and identity unknown) living at his home. No arrest warrant was issued.

On 31 December during the day, 1995 an official warrant was issued for Mr **Soares**, who refused to give any information without legal representation. His uncle, a Mr **Bosco** , was brought to Police-headquarters in order to force him to convince the prisoner to answer questions. Mr **Soares**, fearing for his uncles safety, agreed in writing to interrogation without legal representation.

One of the five boys was released, the same day the others, three weeks later. They are still required to report to Police Headquarters on a daily basis.

Afonso Gonçalves and **Antonio Luis Soares** are still in detention awaiting trial. It is not known whether they have access to independent lawyers and there is grave concern for their physical and psychological integrity.

Actions requested:
Please write to the Indonesian Authorities urging them to:

i. Guarantee the physical and the psychological integrity of the prisoners and give them immediate, unrestricted access to lawyers of their own choice;

ii. open an exhaustive enquiry into the preceding allegations in order to annul all declarations made under torture and establish those responsible, bring them before a civil court and apply the appropriate sanctions provided by law;

iii. In the absence of valid legal charges, order the immediate and unconditional release of **Antonio Luis Soares** and **Afonso** Goncales, if such charges exist, bring them before a civilian court and guarantee their full procedural rights;

iv. guarantee at all times the full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms according to national laws and international norms;

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The Secretary General of the National Commission on Human Rights, Prof. Dr. Baharuddin Lopa, Sekretaris Jenderal, Komisi Nasional Hak Azasi Manusia (KOMNAS HAM), JL Pemuda N° 104, Arawamangun, Jakarta Timur, Indonesia

Diplomatic Representatives in your country

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Kindly inform us of any action undertaken quoting the code of the present appeal in your reply.

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